

PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kazuo OKADA

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the final Office Action dated May 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-6 and 9 and 11 are pending in the application: By this amendment, claim 10 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1, 2 and 4 are amended.

Applicants express their appreciation for the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claim 10. It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance because independent claims 1 and 4 now include the features of original claim 10, now canceled.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)

*not entered -
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